



# Clatsop County

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## **NOTICE**

**Clatsop County Contractors, Designers, and Builders**

**April 1, 2021 Code Changes and Submittal Requirements**

**The following new codes are adopted by the State of Oregon effective April 1, 2021.**

**2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code  
2021 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code  
2021 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code  
2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code Mid-Cycle Amendments**

Additional code information can be accessed from the State of Oregon Building Codes Division.

<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/pages/adopted-codes.aspx>

In addition, the Clatsop County Building Codes Division is introducing a

**NEW Minimum Plan Submittal Checklist**  
and  
**NEW Prescriptive Wall Bracing Guide**

The new form and guide can be obtained from the Clatsop County Building Codes Division office and website.

[https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/forms?field\\_microsite\\_tid=67](https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/forms?field_microsite_tid=67)

The **NEW Minimum Plan Submittal Requirement Checklist** is mandatory for all new single-family dwelling applications. Submittals not accompanied by the checklist are deemed incomplete and will not be accepted.

The **NEW Prescriptive Wall Bracing Guide** is the culmination of a multi-jurisdictional effort to help building designers navigate the growing complexity of prescriptive lateral wall bracing provisions. The code provisions for prescriptive wall bracing have evolved from a simple approach in the 2000 code (four pages) to very complex in the 2021 edition (appx. fifty pages). Submittals not accompanied by a completed wall bracing design in accordance with both the Wind and Seismic calculation tables included in this guide are deemed incomplete and will not be accepted. It is highly encouraged that you consult with and obtain the services of a licensed design professional to prepare the lateral wall bracing elements or provide engineering in lieu of using this guide.

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